
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
October 1, 2005

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 10:32 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel
Bowlen, Paul (**Vice Chair**)
Coerper, Gil
Edney, Jon A.
Jasper, Timothy
Lantz, Paula
McCallon, Larry
McCullough, Kathryn
McSweeney, Susan
Norby, Chris
Nowatka, Paul
Poe, Marilyn
Robertson, Deborah (**Chair**)
Ten, Mike

SGVCOG
City of Cerritos
City of Huntington Beach
City of El Centro/IVAG
City of Apple Valley
City of Pomona
City of Highland
OCCOG
City of Westlake
Orange County
City of Torrance
City of Los Alamitos
City of Rialto
SGVCOG

Members Not Present

Davert, Doug
Dispenza, Mike
Fesmire, Melanie
Hofmeyer, Daryl
Kirby, Dan
Krause, Mary Ann
Loveridge, Ronald
Perry, Jan
Reyes, Ed
Richardson, Laura
White, Charles

City of Tustin
City of Palmdale
CVAG
City of Paramount
SGVCOG
City of Santa Paula
City of Riverside
City of Los Angeles
City of Los Angeles
City of Long Beach
WRCOG Subregion

New Member(s)

Barnes, Christine

City of La Palma

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. The Chair asked Vice Chair Bowlen to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair then welcomed new members appointed to the Committee: Councilmember Christine Barnes, City of La Palma (she attended the meeting); Councilmember Joseph Serrano, Gateway Cities; Councilmember Leslie Daigle, OCCOG, and Councilmember Bob Ring, OCCOG.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of September 1, 2005

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 Compass 2% Implementation Partnership June 30, 2005 Meeting Notes

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Draft Land Use and Housing Chapter

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, presented the recommendation from the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force to review the preliminary Draft Land Use and Housing Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Task Force has requested that the CEHD approved the process described for making refinements to the chapter and to consider new policy statement.

Mr. Lieb gave the Committee a brief overview of what the status is for developing this chapter, what the chapter contains, and he summarized the future efforts of staff and the Task Force. Mr. Lieb stated the RCP Task Force specifically recommended, under the subsection "Recommended Actions for the State of California," the Task Force suggested the addition of the following statement:

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Within State programs and plans, there should be tools established that promote transit oriented development, green building practices, and jobs housing balance including access to housing for teachers, public safety employees and other workers.

Mr. Lieb stated that the Task Force felt that this language be included in the plan on those issues than what was previously there. Pending approval by the CEHD Committee, this new policy language would be included in the Preliminary Draft chapter, and labeled as a draft policy without formal standing until such time as the RCP is adopted by the Regional Council.

Mr. Lieb further discussed the action plan for Land Use and Housing Chapter, is organized according to the party that is intended to carry out the action. As such, there is a section for recommendations for the Federal Government, State Government, SCAG and other regional agencies, and local government. Mr. Lieb pointed out the matrix, a preliminary attempt to identify characteristics of locations and planning activities in line with the growth activities.

If the Committee approves the staff recommendations the draft will be released in the current form for public review. The other activities to be undertaken pending release of the draft chapter would be to work on identifying sources of funding, that could serve as incentives for local jurisdictions; that could serve as a pool for mitigation funds for development; that could provide services for residences to development infrastructure, etc.

Mr. Lieb stated the completed draft, for the Committee's consideration, on the same schedule as the development of the Regional Transportation Plan which is anticipated a completed draft in November 2006 and an adopted Plan on April 2007.

The Committee then discussed the item. During the discussion, a question about the status of Compass was asked. The Chair and others explained the availability of SCAG staff to make presentations.

Chair Robertson suggested the Committee take action after completion of Councilmember Nowatka's report on the Regional Comprehensive Plan approach; the Committee concurred.

5.2 Regional Comprehensive Plan Approach

Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Vice Chair, RCP Task Force, stated this item is a report from the Regional Comprehensive Task Force recommending adjustments to the Regional Comprehensive Plan approach for Regional Council

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approval. Councilmember Nowatka reported that the expanded approach includes:

- Op end provision for local jurisdiction.
- Incentives for local communities to become part of the plan approach.
- Focusing on the outcome of the plan
- Coordination with other stakeholders of this plan
- Looking at the CEQA process from a two-prong approach taking in what is thought to be the reforms and the second is a status quo with the present CEQA
- Concentration of environmental impacts

Jacob Lieb added other items that would be included in this approach

- Include mitigation measures that are applicable at the project levele
- Propose funding and other incentive mechanisms for supportive implementation at the local level

Councilmember Coerper complimented staff on the good work done this project. Mr. Lieb thanked Councilmember Coerper and stated he thought the work that came out of this process was rewarding and very valuable.

It was moved by Councilmember McCallon and seconded by Councilmember Poe to approve items 5.1 and 5.2 as recommended. Item 5.1 to release the Preliminary Draft Land Use and Housing Chapter for public Review. Item 5.2 to recommended Regional Council approve Regional Comprehensive Plan Approach.

5.3 Economic forecast Conference and Housing Summit

Lynn Harris, SCAG Staff, summarized the conclusions of the pros and cons used in the staff evaluation of this topic. It was moved by Chair Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Poe to accept the recommended action to proceed with the Economic Forecast Conference in January and the Housing Summit in April as separate and distinct conference each with their own mission, purpose and audience.

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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Mixed Use Centers in the South Bay: How do they Function and Do They Change Travel Demand?

Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, gave a brief introduction of the South Bay study. Ms. Bacharach stated that the South Bay study focused on what suburban good land use could look like. Ms. Bacharach stated that this study does give indications of where they want to go further in this study.

Ms. Bacharach then introduced Wally Siembab, Principal, Siembab Planning Associates. Mr. Siembab gave a brief summary of the study and the status of where it is today. He emphasized that the study is not complete but just a beginning. This study evaluated whether travel behavior in existing mixed use centers differ from travel behavior elsewhere.

6.5 Draft Findings of the 2005 State of the Region

Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, presented the draft findings for the 2005 State of the Region Report which is scheduled to be published in January 2006. Due to the shortage of time, the Committee decided to bring Mr. Chang back in November to complete his presentation because of the amount of material to cover in the report.

6.2 Review of SCAG's RHNA Responsibilities and Schedule

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, gave a brief report on SCAG's RHNA responsibilities and schedule. Mr. Carreras stated the SCAG region is going to be a testing ground for several major reforms in housing law as defined in the recent legislation AB 2158 and AB 2348.

Mr. Carreras stated, one of these provisions in the RHNA process was to link or coordinate the RHNA with the transportation planning in terms of forecasting and growth assumptions, no other region has done this. Next, the funding uncertainty at no time has there ever been a regional housing needs plan produced where that was no opportunity to be reimbursed from the state/local mandate commission. Finally, SCAG staff's focus will be to develop a policy rather than a statically based RHNA that emphasizes the use improved growth data locally to help subregions and communities "house their own", and identify priority investment zones where incentives may be targeted to encourage additional housing development. This policy has been incorporated into the California Blueprint grant program.

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6.3 Report on the HUD 2005 Southern California Housing Summit: Removing Barriers to Affordable Homes

It was suggested by the Chair to receive and file this information. The Committee agreed.

6.4 State Legislature End of Session Update

Held over for the next meeting.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris gave an update on the application for the State Blueprint planning visioning funds. Staff delivered the package to Sacramento on the 29th of September, as required. The application consisted of a request for \$2.4 million over a 2-year work program that requires a local match of 20%, because SCAG cannot use transportation to match, what must be used are other funds or in-kind services on the part of SCAG's cities. Therefore, the majority of the first year money is to fund SCAG's 2% strategy demonstration project money.

The second part of staff's request is to focus on implementation and the convergence of transportation, housing and land use. Funds have been requested to do several pieces of work, if successful, will share the application with our members. Funds have also been requested to do work to further refine the 2% strategy as well as further strategies for land use implementation.

Ms. Harris stated that the application package included several letters of support from 7 subregions and COGs, 2 counties, and 18 cities, as well as the Compass 2% Strategy partnership group, Urban Land Institute and the Building Industry Association of Southern California. Staff appreciated the support of these organizations and their representatives. The schedule calls for Caltrans notification to applicants the first week of December, if funded would be the first of 2006.

Ms. Harris asked that the members would talk to their cities and COGs to become a demonstration city for the Compass 2% Strategy. Ms. Harris staff's goal is to award the first series of demonstration projects by the first of 2006. Chair Robertson encouraged members to go back to their cities and subregions and encourage their involvement in the demonstration projects.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

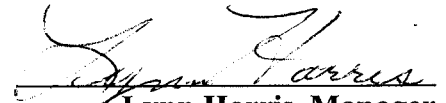
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10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chair Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Bowlen to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. motion passed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held Thursday, November 3rd at the SCAG office.

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**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**